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WATER RESOURCE BOARD MEETS FRIDAY IN BOISE

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The Idaho Water Resource will meet Friday in Boise to hear reports on a variety of water issues and to consider half a dozen requests for financial assistance, Board officials announced today.

The meeting is set for 8:30 a.m. at the Idaho Department of Water Resources state office, 1301 N. Orchard Street in Boise. The meeting is open to the public.

The six requests include five asking for direct financial assistance totaling \$352,788. They are:

- A loan increase of \$180,288 to the Hoyt Bluff Water Association (Kootenai County north west of Post Falls) bringing its total loan to \$355,288 for a water improvement project;
- A loan of \$155,000 to the Thunder Canyon Owners Association (Bannock County near Lava Hot Springs) to upgrade one well and drill a 2nd well;
- A grant of \$7,500 to the City of Hansen (Twin Falls County) for a well siting study and the drilling of a test well;
- A grant of \$5,000 to the Cougar Ridge Water & Sewer District (East of Lewiston) for a water master plan study; and
- A grant of \$5,000 to Bonneville County for a water study of a new water system at I-15 Exit 113 (between Idaho Falls and Shelley).

The Board will also consider a request by the Boise City Canal Company to release 300 acre feet of water from its loan collateral of 1,000 acre feet so it can sell the water to United Water Idaho, as well as status reports on activities related to development of comprehensive basin plans.

The meeting is being held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you special assistance, please contact Rita Fleck, (208) 327-7880 in advance so arrangements can be made.